

HOLBROOK ACADEMY

Information for Parents / Carers : 18th September 2020

Thank you to for your continued support in helping us keep our school community safe.

Please read this information and discuss it with your child.

Covid Code

To reinforce key messages with students, we have created the student 'Covid Code'.

Student Covid Code

To support the health, safety and wellbeing of ourselves and each other, all students have a responsibility to:

Stay in zone - any movement between zones must be agreed and should be supervised. Know your zone for the day and use the correct ENTRY and EXIT points.

Be prepared for learning - bring the essential learning kit you need for the day.

Follow instructions - this includes instructions from teaching and support staff and signs around the school.

Keep safe by following the guidance on:

- Not coming to school if you display **Covid 19 symptoms**
- **Hand washing** - before and after putting on / removal of face masks, entry and exits, before and after eating
- Respiratory Hygiene - '**Catch it, Bin it, Kill it**'
- Wearing a **face covering** where recommended
- Keep **space** around you and others

Be responsible during break and lunchtime - **no physical contact, no sharing of food.**

Never bring gum into school.



If you think you might have coronavirus you can now have a test.



The signs of coronavirus are:

- High temperature
- Or a new and continuous cough
- Or loss of smell or taste



If you or anyone you live with has any of these signs then you must all stay at home.

Further information from the Local Authority

The symptoms of COVID-19 in adults and children are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours).
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Anyone with these symptoms should firstly **self-isolate and get tested**, requesting a test via the [online portal](#) or via 119 if they do not have internet access.

There is currently a high national demand for testing and Suffolk residents may experience difficulty in securing a test. The best advice for accessing testing is to use the [online portal](#), and if at first unsuccessful keep checking each hour as more testing slots will become available during the day.

Please be aware that only individuals with these symptoms are eligible for testing.

If children are experiencing common cold symptoms (such as a runny or blocked nose, and/or a sore throat), and **DO NOT** have any of the above COVID-19 symptoms **plus do not** fall into either of the following categories:

- a household member has COVID-19 symptoms or has had a positive test result in the last 14 days
- the child has been identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case through NHS Test and Trace or local contact tracing efforts

They **may continue to attend school** providing they are feeling well enough to do so.

Schools should not request that the child has a COVID-19 test before returning to school.

Parents of children with common cold symptoms who do not have any of the 3 COVID-19 symptoms listed above should not request testing for their child.

For more information on COVID-19 symptoms and arranging testing for children, please see the following links:

[Coronavirus in children](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): getting tested](#)

Will the Academy stay open if somebody tests positive for Covid-19?

If there is a change in the number of coronavirus cases in an area of England, schools will use a four-stage tier system of extra measures. We are ensuring we have plans in place for each of these stages and in **bold below**, parents and carers can see what this will **mean for students**:

Tier 1: Schools fully open to all pupils, face coverings required in corridors and communal areas for staff and students. ***If we go to Tier 1, students and staff would be expected to wear masks in school corridors and other communal areas. For this reason, we ask that parents prepare by ensuring they have access to face coverings. Please inform us if your child is exempt (see below).***

Tier 2: A rota system will be used by secondary schools for most pupils, and primary schools stay open. ***Students will spend some time at home and some at school. Schools are encouraged to run a two week rota cycle – 2 weeks at school followed by 2 weeks at home. Students at home will have access to remote learning.***

Tier 3 and 4: "Wider groups of pupils" go back to remote learning at home, while vulnerable and key worker children continue to go to school. ***Remote learning will form more of young people's education offer.***

In Supporting our preparation for any localised response, please make sure we know:

- If you are a [critical worker](#),
- If you have any difficulty accessing technology at home,
- If your child is [exempt from wearing a face covering](#).